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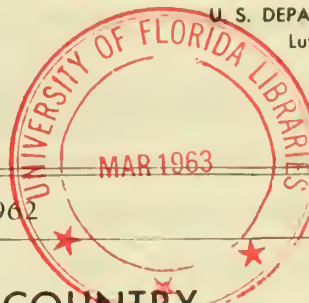
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IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States general imports from \$14,713.0 million in calendar year 1961 to \$16,386.8 million in calendar year 1962 reflected increases in annual general imports from all continents as follows:¹ North America, from \$4,635.5 to \$5,136.0 million; Europe, from \$4,140.3 to \$4,623.2 million; Asia, from \$2,582.4 to \$2,965.2 million; Australia and Oceania, from \$320.1 to \$439.6 million; South America, from \$2,359.7 to \$2,449.7 million; and Africa, from \$671.5 to \$758.2 million. From 1961 to 1962 increases were also reported in annual imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, from \$3,971.1 to \$4,428.2 million and sterling area countries, from \$2,576.3 to \$2,995.9 million.

From November to December United States general imports fell from \$1,451.6 to \$1,366.5 million.² This change reflected decreases in imports from Canada, from \$338.7 to \$295.7 million and Western Europe, from \$414.6 to \$382.5 million which were partly offset by an increase in imports

from Latin American Republics, from \$274.7 to \$288.9 million. Imports from "all other countries" declined from \$423.5 to \$399.4 million. Imports from O.E.C.D. countries in Europe, fell from \$403.9 to \$369.9 million and those from sterling area countries, from \$277.8 to \$245.4 million. During the period, decreases were reported in imports from all continents, except South America and Africa.

Imports from North America fell from \$468.0 million in November to \$423.1 million in December as decreases in imports from Canada, from \$338.7 to \$295.7 million (as noted above); the Dominican Republic from \$14.9 to \$9.3 million; and Bermuda, from \$5.1 to \$0.2 million were partly offset by an increase in imports from Guatemala, from \$7.1 to \$14.3 million. Imports from Europe fell from \$420.0 to \$388.6 million reflecting primarily decreases in imports from the United Kingdom, from \$96.4 to \$72.6 million and France, from \$36.7 to \$31.8 million. However, imports from Turkey rose from \$5.5 to \$13.3 million. The drop in imports from Japan, from \$123.6 to \$98.1 million accounted for the bulk of the decrease in imports from Asia, from \$262.2 to \$236.7 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania decreased from \$45.3 to \$40.9 million.

Meanwhile, imports from South America rose from \$193.6 to \$210.2 million as increases in imports from Venezuela, from \$77.1 to \$90.3 million and Colombia, from \$14.5 to \$19.5 million were partly offset by a drop in imports from Peru, from \$16.2 to \$9.8 million. Imports from Africa rose from \$60.7 to \$66.0 million.

¹The calendar year 1962 figures shown exclude February 1962 data on \$1-\$99 formal and \$1-\$250 informal entry shipments which are estimated as totaling about \$9.7 million. As indicated in the February 1962 issue of this report, data on these shipments are also excluded from other reports such as FT 930-I, FT 110, FT 120, etc.

²On a seasonally-adjusted basis, total general imports were valued at \$1,352.5 million in December as compared to \$1,420.3 million in November. (See the December 1962 issue of Report No. FT 900-I.) Seasonally-adjusted data are not available by country of origin.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in a number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading, or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchandising or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude

United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data (i.e. formal entries valued under \$100 and all informal entries valued under \$250), and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all import entries. The probable variability due to sampling is either less than \$50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than 1 percent of the individual totals shown.

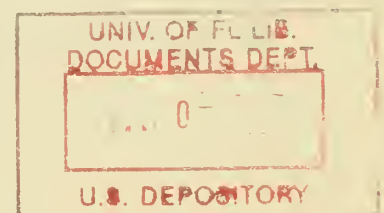
In addition to the effects of sampling variation, and the difficulties described above under COUNTRY DEFINITION, monthly import statistics are subject to some error from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Reports No. FT 110 and FT 120. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1962. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts.)

Continent and country ¹	December 1962	November 1962	December 1961	Monthly average 1961
Total trade.....	1,366.5	1,451.6	1,294.2	1,226.1
Western Europe.....	382.5	414.6	368.0	338.1
Canada.....	295.7	338.7	282.4	272.5
Latin American Republics.....	288.9	274.7	296.5	267.8
All other countries.....	399.4	423.5	347.3	347.7
O.E.C.D. countries in Europe.....	369.9	403.9	359.1	330.9
Sterling area countries.....	245.4	277.8	209.5	214.7
North America.....	423.1	468.0	396.0	386.3
Greenland.....	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	295.7	338.7	282.4	272.5
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico ^a	49.6	51.1	49.7	44.8
Guatemala ^a	14.3	7.1	8.1	5.3
British Honduras ^b	0.1	0.5	(*)	0.2
El Salvador ^a	1.3	1.3	3.9	3.0
Honduras ^a	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.7
Nicaragua ^a	1.4	1.1	1.4	2.1
Costa Rica ^a	3.0	2.9	3.6	3.3
Republic of Panama ^a	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
Canal Zone.....	0.8	0.3	(*)	0.3
Bermuda ^b	0.2	5.1	0.1	0.1
Bahamas ^b	0.5	0.6	1.2	0.9
Cuba ^a	(*)	(*)	2.5	2.9
Jamaica ^b	8.8	10.0	5.0	6.1
Haiti ^a	2.4	2.9	1.8	1.6
Dominican Republic ^a	9.3	14.9	4.3	7.5
Leeward and Windward Islands ^b	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.1
Barbados ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago ^b	8.3	6.9	4.6	7.2
Netherlands Antilles.....	23.8	20.7	23.8	22.9
French West Indies.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.7
South America.....	210.2	193.6	223.6	196.6
Colombia ^a	19.5	14.5	21.2	23.0
Venezuela ^a	90.3	77.1	88.2	74.8
British Guiana ^b	2.7	1.8	1.6	1.6
Surinam.....	3.3	2.0	4.4	2.5
French Guiana.....	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Ecuador ^a	6.1	6.5	5.5	4.5
Peru ^a	9.8	16.2	20.7	16.2
Bolivia ^a	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
Chile ^a	7.6	8.4	16.8	15.3
Brazil ^a	56.7	53.9	56.7	46.9
Paraguay ^a	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.7
Uruguay ^a	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.9
Argentina ^a	10.8	9.6	5.8	8.5
Falkland Islands ^b.....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	388.6	420.0	373.3	345.0
Iceland ^{b, c, d}	1.0	1.8	1.0	1.0
Sweden ^{c, d}	17.1	15.0	14.3	11.7
Norway ^{c, d}	7.6	8.1	9.7	6.3
Denmark ^{c, d}	10.0	9.6	12.5	9.1

See footnotes at end of table.

UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Continent and country ¹	December 1962	November 1962	December 1961	Monthly average 1961
Europe--Continued				
United Kingdom ^{b,c,d}	72.6	96.4	79.6	74.8
Ireland (Eire) ^{b,c,d}	3.0	4.9	2.3	2.6
Netherlands ^{c,d}	15.6	18.0	14.6	17.3
Belgium and Luxembourg ^{c,d}	28.3	31.2	31.7	29.3
France ^{c,d}	31.8	36.7	39.0	36.3
West Germany ^{c,d}	92.2	91.0	70.6	71.3
East Germany	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Austria ^{c,d}	3.1	4.5	3.9	3.8
Czechoslovakia	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.8
Hungary	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Switzerland ^{c,d}	21.4	22.5	15.8	15.9
Finland ^c	5.3	5.5	5.3	3.8
Estonia	...	...	...	(*)
Latvia	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania	...	...	...	(*)
Poland and Danzig	3.8	2.4	3.3	3.4
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	1.0	1.2	0.9	1.9
Azores	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.1
Spain ^{c,d}	7.6	10.0	8.5	7.0
Portugal ^{c,d}	2.4	3.4	3.8	3.5
Gibraltar ^b	...	(*)	...	(*)
Malta and Gozo ^{2,b}	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Italy ^{c,d}	40.5	43.9	33.2	31.3
Free Territory of Trieste ^{c,d}	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia ^c	7.3	5.3	3.6	3.4
Albania	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece ^{c,a}	2.4	1.3	5.0	3.5
Rumania	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Turkey ^{c,d}	13.3	5.5	13.5	6.1
Cyprus ^{2,b}	(*)	(*)	...	...
Asia	236.7	262.2	236.6	215.2
Syrian Arab Republic ³	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4
Lebanon	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.4
Iraq (Mesopotamia)	1.6	2.3	2.0	2.5
Iran (Persia)	5.9	7.6	4.3	5.1
Israel	3.0	3.7	1.9	2.7
Palestine	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Kuwait ^b	4.0	4.7	5.6	9.1
Saudi Arabia	6.0	4.0	3.8	4.6
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.	3.4	5.0	4.7	2.1
Aden ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrain ^b	(*)	(*)	...	0.1
Afghanistan	3.5	1.2	1.5	1.0
India ^b	22.5	20.7	24.8	21.0
Goa Damao and Diu ⁴	...	...	...	...
Pakistan ^b	3.1	3.2	3.7	3.1
Nepal	...	(*)	...	(*)
Ceylon ^b	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.6
Burma ^b	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Thailand (Siam)	3.5	3.9	3.2	3.1
Viet-Nam	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.4
Laos	(*)	...	...	(*)
Cambodia	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2
Federation of Malaya ^b	14.8	19.5	16.9	12.4
State of Singapore; British Borneo ^b	0.7	1.2	1.6	1.2
Republic of Indonesia	11.0	9.7	17.2	13.6
Republic of the Philippines	27.6	26.6	25.6	26.4
Macao (Macau)	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c.	...	...	0.2	0.1
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Outer Mongolia	0.3	0.5	(*)	0.3

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UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: DECEMBER 1962 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Continent and country ¹	December 1962	November 1962	December 1961	Monthly average 1961
Asia—Continued				
North Korea.....	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	1.1	1.3	0.9	0.6
Hong Kong ^b	14.0	12.8	13.3	10.2
Taiwan (Formosa).....	7.9	6.2	6.7	3.6
Japan.....	98.1	123.6	94.0	87.9
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.4
Australia and Oceania.....	40.9	45.3	22.6	26.7
Australia ^b	30.8	33.1	16.9	15.3
New Guinea ^b	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
New Zealand and Western Samoa ^{5, b}	9.5	10.8	5.4	10.8
British Western Pacific Islands ^b	0.3	1.2	0.1	0.3
French Pacific Islands.....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	0.2
Africa.....	66.0	60.7	40.5	56.0
Morocco.....	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.9
Algeria.....	0.1	0.1	(*)	(*)
Tunisia.....	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Libya ^b	2.8	2.7	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt).....	1.2	0.4	0.7	2.9
Sudan.....	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.4
Canary Islands.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.....	...	...	...	(*)
Federal Republic of Cameroon ⁶	(*)	0.4	0.3	0.5
Western Equatorial Africa, n.e.c.....	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.1
Western Africa, n.e.c.....	2.9	1.5	2.6	3.0
Ghana ^b	1.1	1.3	1.1	6.3
Federation of Nigeria ^{7, b}	1.6	2.2	1.7	4.2
British West Africa and Sierra Leone ^{8, b}	0.1	0.1	(*)	0.4
Madeira Islands.....	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Angola.....	4.8	4.9	2.6	2.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.....	0.1	0.2	(*)	0.2
Liberia.....	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.7
Republic of the Congo.....	3.3	5.8	4.2	4.7
Somali Republic.....	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	0.8	0.6	0.7	2.6
French Somaliland.....	...	...	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies ^b	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies ^b	1.4	0.4	0.5	0.1
British East Africa and Tanganyika ^{9, b}	6.3	9.0	2.6	4.4
Mozambique.....	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4
Malagasy Republic.....	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.1
Republic of South Africa ^{10, b}	16.9	23.3	16.5	17.4
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland ^b	15.1	0.5	0.6	0.9
Unidentified Continents ¹¹	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.3
Unidentified Countries ¹¹	1.1	1.6	1.6	0.3

^aLatin American Republics. ^bSterling area countries. ^cWestern Europe. ^dO.E.C.D. (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries in Europe. *Indicates less than \$50,000. ¹For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. ²"Malta and Gozo" and "Cyprus" shown separately beginning January 1962. For periods prior to January 1962, data on imports from Cyprus are included in the figures shown for "Malta and Gozo." ³Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly United Arab Republic (Syria Region). ⁴Effective with the statistics for July 1962, the country designation "Portuguese Asia, N.E.C.", comprising Goa, Damao, Diu and Portuguese Timor became obsolete. Beginning with the September 1962 issue of this report, data for Goa, Damao, and Diu are shown separately while data for Portuguese Timor are included, along with data for other countries, in the figures for "Southern and Southeastern Asia, N.E.C." Revisions, correcting the July and August 1962 statistics for the individual countries involved, will appear in the December 1962 errata. ⁵Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly New Zealand. ⁶Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Cameroun combined with Southern Cameroons. Data shown for prior periods represent exports to Cameroun only. ⁷Country designation established effective January 1962; consists of former Nigeria combined with former Northern Cameroons. The data shown for prior periods represent exports to Nigeria including the former Cameroons (Northern and Southern). ⁸Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British West Africa, n.e.c. ⁹Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly British East Africa. ¹⁰Country designation established effective January 1962. Formerly Union of South Africa. ¹¹Countries which could not be identified because of illegible reporting on import entries for low-value shipments.